



RIVER FLOOD UPDATE

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FLOOD WARNINGS MAY BE ISSUED LATER TODAY

At 1:30 PM the Connecticut River in Hartford was at 12.79 Feet (3.21 Feet below flood stage) and rising. Minor flooding is beginning in riverside park. In Middletown, the river is at 6.30 Feet (1.70 Feet below flood stage) and rising. Minor flooding is expected to begin there overnight. The Connecticut River is forecast by the NWS River Forecast Center to continue to rise during the next 36 - 48 hours. The river is expected to crest near the moderate flooding threshold on Saturday Morning in Hartford and on Saturday afternoon in Middletown. Towns along the river can expect minor flooding on Friday with low lying fields and parks being flooded. The flooding may approach moderate levels Friday night and Saturday with some roads becoming flooded in low lying areas. This flooding is being caused mainly by rainfall in Mass and Conn, no significant snowpack remains in southern New England. The next detailed update will be issued by the DEP on the Connecticut River at 8:30 AM Friday morning.

DEP/NWS FORECAST HYDROGRAPH FOR THE CONNECTICUT RIVER April 1 - 4, 2004

